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SUBJ: MEDIA REACT CHAMORRO DEATH

1. DEPARTMENT STATEMENT ON CHAMORRO DEATH:
STATEMENT (ARF-65 OF 1/12/78) WAS DISTRIBUTED BY POST TO ALL MEDIA
AND CARRIED IN FULL BY LEADING TELEVISION NEWSCASTS AND MAJOR
DAILIES JAN 12 AND 13.

2. LOCAL COVERAGE: COSTA RICAN INTEREST REMAINS HIGH, LEADING DAILIES
LA NACION AND EXCELSIOR RETAINING CORRESPONDENTS IN MANAGUA. JAN 16
EXCELSIOR FRONT-PAGED WIRE-SERVICE COMPILATION DATED WASHING-
TON, DC, "U.S. GOVERNMENT WANTS SOMOZA TO LEAVE NICARAGUA", REPORT-
ING COUNCIL ON HEMISPHERIC AFFAIRS' CLAIMS THAT "SOURCES CLOSE TO

THE CARTER ADMINISTRATION" BELIEVE SOMOZA SHOULD LEAVE NICARAGUA
AND THAT USG WOULD BE DISPOSED TO RECOGNIZE PROVISIONAL GOVERN-
MENT. ARTICLE IDENTIFIED COUNCIL AS "CIVIC ORGANIZATION" AND NOTED
DEPARTMENT DECLINED TO COMMENT. LOCAL PRESS PLAY STRESSED CHAMORRO
CASE FAR FROM "CLOSED". LEADING LA NACION EDITORIALIST JULIO
SUNOL'S JAN 15 NEWS ANALYSIS, "DENSE SHADOWS STILL COVER CHAMORRO
CRIME", ECHOES TONE OF LOCAL REPORTING IN STATING "UNTIL THIS
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MOMENT THERE ARE ONLY CONTRADICTIONS. SILVIO PENA ASSUMED RESPON-
SIBILITY IN A PARTIAL AND CONTRADICTORY FASHION, AND COULD BE THE
NICARAGUAN OSWALD OF THIS AFFAIR... THESE CONSIDERATIONS LEAD US
TO SUPPOSE THAT THE CRIME AGAINST PEDRO JOAQUIN CHAMORRO WAS NOT
THE WORK OF A SINGLE HADN OR SINGLE MIND".
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